

PATENT

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In RE application of K. TSUCHIDA et al  
Serial No.: 09/455,363

Group Art Unit: 2137

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Examiner: C. FIELDS

For: COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL METHOD AND INFORMATION  
RELAYING DEVICE FOR COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

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Rate	Additional Fee
x 18	\$ 36
x 88	\$ 264
+ 280	\$ 0
Total	\$ 300

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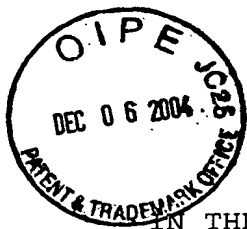
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

December 6, 2004

Before further examination on the merits, please amend  
the application as follows. A Request for Continued  
Examination and Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time are  
being submitted herewith.